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THANKSGIVING PREPARATION IN NURSERY 3 ENCOURAGES FINE MOTOR SKILLS AND LEARNING ABOUT NUTRITION

The terrific threes have been learning about Thanksgiving and making special Thanksgiving projects. The children crafted an adorable turkey table centerpiece, a very special Thanksgiving card for their families, a charming napkin ring to use at the Thanksgiving table, and lastly Native American headdresses to wear at our Early Childhood Thanksgiving Feast. This holiday was introduced by casting some of our terrific threes as Pilgrims, Native Americans and the Mayflower in puppet show.

With the start of our Thanksgiving Unit, we opened a cutting center. We are learning how to use scissors ... thumbs up! We are practicing our cutting by cutting out pictures of different foods from magazines. Using these food pictures, we created our very own Food Pyramid. We discussed how important it is to have a balanced diet to keep our bodies healthy.

We also learned about this week's parsha, Parshat Toldot. The yeladim first heard how Yaakov tricked Esau with his Ima's help to receive Yitzchak's blessing by listening to the first part of the book, Jacob and Esau by Mary Auld. Yaakov placed animal furs over his smooth arms to make them hairy like Esau's. We then expanded this concept by having the yeladim suggest items of these different textures.

Inspired by the birth of Yaakov and Esav in this week's parsha, we created a birthday month tally graph of the terrific threes. Each child told when their birthday is and placed a star sticker in the row by their month. Together we added how many birthdays were in each month.

